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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Eric J. BERGMAN

APPLICATION NO.: Not Yet Assigned

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FOR: METHODS OF THINNING A SILICON
WAFER USING HF AND OZONE

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Transmittal of Continuation-In-Part Patent Application
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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application by inventor Eric J. BERGMAN entitled:

METHODS OF THINNING A SILICON WAFER USING HF AND
OZONE

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- A Preliminary Amendment.
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2. Amendment

- Please enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment before calculating the filing fee. It is understood that only amendments reducing the number of claims will be entered for this purpose.
- Please cancel original claims _____, inclusive, before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim should be retained for filing purposes.)

3. Extension of Time

- A petition for extension of time has been filed in the parent to extend the pendency of the parent to _____ (copy enclosed).
- Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: An Extension of Time is requested to provide for timely filing *if* required to establish copendency with the parent after all papers filed herewith have been considered.

4. U.S. Priority

- This application is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/621,028, filed July 21, 2000 and now pending, which is: a Continuation-in-Part of Serial No. 60/145,350 filed July 23, 1999; a Continuation-in-Part of Serial No. 08/853,649, filed May 9, 1997 and now U.S. Patent No. 6,240,933; and a Continuation-in-Part and U.S. National Phase Application of International Application PCT/US99/08516, filed April 16, 1999, which in turn is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 60/125,304 filed March 19, 1999; 60/099,067 filed September 3, 1998; and 09/061,318, filed April 16, 1998. These applications are also incorporated herein by reference.

5. Foreign Priority

- Priority of Application No. _____ filed in _____ on _____ is claimed under 35 USC §119.
- A certified copy of this priority document is enclosed.

6. Prior Documents Still In Effect

- This application and parent application, Application No. , filed are assigned of record to , as recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at Reel and Frame .
- Power of Attorney in the above-identified prior application is to _____, Reg. No. _____, and the other attorneys or agents identified therein.

7. Entity Status

- Large entity status applies to this application.
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR §1.27

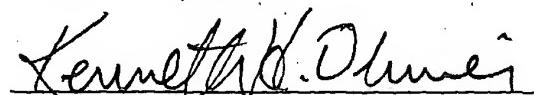
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